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SUBJ: NICO HUEBNER: POLITICS MAKES STRANGE BED FELLOWS

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1. HUEBNER CASE (REFTELS) HAS CONTINUED TO ATTRACT MODEST AMOUNT OF ATTENTION IN SPRINGER DAILIES, DIE WELT AND MORGENPOST, BUT NOT IN OTHER BERLIN PAPERS. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN TWO SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE WALL AT BERNAUERSTRASSE IN THE FRENCH SECTOR. THE FIRST OCCURRED A FEW DAYS AFTER HUEBNER'S ARREST BECAME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND ATTRACTED A REPORTED CROWD OF 300 ONLOOKERS IN EAST BERLIN; THE SECOND WAS HELD APRIL 14.

2. AUTHORITIES OF THE EAST GERMAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ALERTED TO THE SECOND DEMONSTRATION IN ADVANCE, HAD PROTESTED TO THE SENAT VIA THE KUNZE-MITDANK TELEX CHANNEL ON APRIL 11 AND CALLED UPON THE SENAT TO BREAK UP THE DEMONSTRATION, WHICH THE GDR MFA TERMED AN "UNFRIENDLY ACT" WHICH COULD "HARM
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THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR AND WEST BERLIN." THE SENAT, AT THE DIRECTION OF THE GOVERNING MAYOR, CHOSE TO IGNORE THE GDR MESSATE, BUT DID DIRECT POLICE TO THE SCENE TO ENSURE ORDER ON THE WEST BERLIN SIDE OF THE WALL DURING THE DEMONSTRATION.

3. THE NUMBER OF PROTESTORS INVOLVED IN THE APRIL 14

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HUEBNER DEMONSTRATION DID NOT EXCEED 20 AND DID NOT LAST MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES. THE PROTEST STATEMENTS BY THE ORGANIZERS, WHO CALLED THEMSELVES THE "EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF FREE BERLINERS" WERE DIRECTED BY MEGAPHONES TOWARDS EAST BERLIN. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS IN DIE WELT, EAST BERLIN POLICE ACTIVATED FOUR GENERATORS DURING THE DEMONSTRATION AS A MEANS OF DROWNING OUT THE PROTESTORS' STATEMENTS. THE BERLIN SENAT HAS ADVISED US IN CONFIDENCE THAT WEST BERLIN SECURITY SOURCES HAVE IDENTIFIED THE TWO LEADERS OF THE APRIL 15 DEMONSTRATION AS A MEMBER OF THE MAOIST-ORIENTED KOMMUNISTISCHER BUND DES WESTENS - KBW, AND THE LEADER OF THE "NSDAP-BERLIN." GEORGE

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